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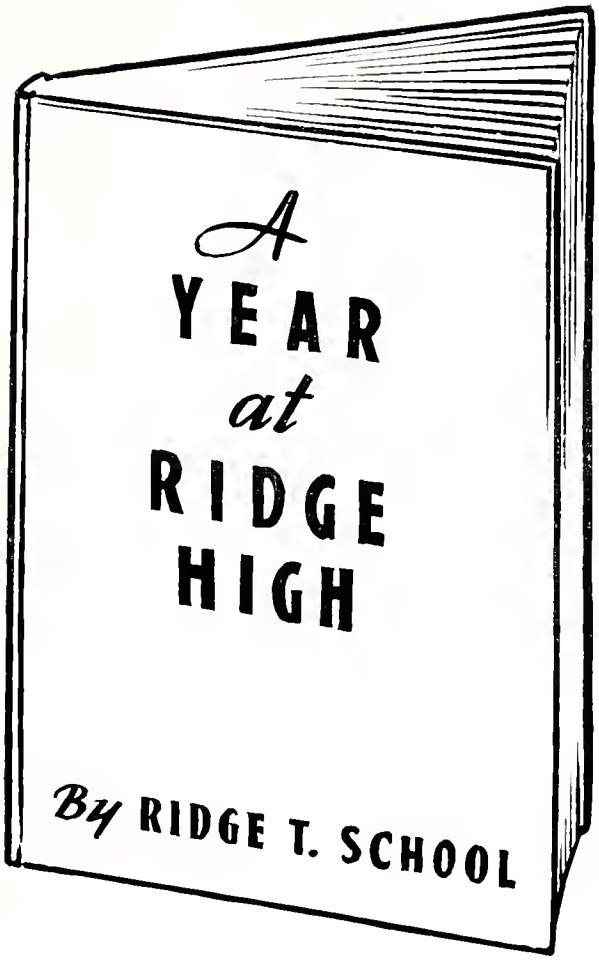

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We publish this 1942 RIDGE REFLECTOR not merely because it is traditional, but with the thought that it might prove to be of some interest or value to you whether it be informative or recreational. We have felt the time well spent in the preparation of this annual and are deeply grateful for the interest shown and the benevolence of those who helped in making it successful.

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that the principles of democracy might be preserved.

IT LOOKS GOOD TO US

SCHOOL SONG

Fight the team across the floor,
Show them that Ridge is here;
Set the walls reverberating
With a mighty cheer.
Rah! Rah! Rah!
Stand up straight, as straight as the wall
Never let that team get the ball,
Hail, hail, the gang's all here,
So let's beat our opponents now.

CHAPTER I

THOSE WHO GUIDE US

ADMINISTRATION

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. C. L. Shaffer, our county superintendent for the past ten years, is a person whom we always welcome to our school at any time. We feel he is one of our group and like to have his helpful advice during our class room discussions.

SCHOOL BOARD

Every successful organization has in its background a directing force which is vital to each of its functions. The services and genuine interest of our school board in the quality of the educational opportunities they provide for us should be and is appreciated by each of us. This year, one new member, J. C. Tomlinson, was added to the board and J. E. Knittle retired.

BACK ROW: J. C. Tomlinson, J. C. Poe, W. C. Witten, Superintendent, R. G. Stemen.
FRONT ROW: J. C. Holland, Vice-President; D. D. Swick, President; F. H. Johnson, Clerk.

ADMINISTRATION

MR. W. C. WITTEN

Graduated from Ohio City-Liberty High School in '27. Attended Ohio State University and Ohio Northern University at Ada, Ohio. Obtained his Bachelor of Science in '35 and Master of Arts Degree in '38 at Ohio State University. Formerly taught at Ohio City and North Lewisburg. Became superintendent at Ridge in '39. Eighth grade spelling, history, world history, democracy, and superintendent.

Virginia Mallory, Mrs. C. E. McCleery, John C. Tomlinson

PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

The Ridge P. T. A. functioned as a vital accessory of the school again this year. The programs for the year centered around safety and health. By the end of the year there were 57 active members in this organization.

The officers for the year were:

President—John Tomlinson.

Vice-President—Miss Virginia Mallory.

Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Clifford McCleery.

THEY GUIDE US

KERMIT VINCENT PUTMAN

Graduate of Ohio City - Liberty, Ohio City, 1932; Graduated from Wittenberg College 1940; Teacher at Ohio City-Liberty and at Champaign County, North Westbury Schools. Now serving his country at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Indiana.

MRS. VIRGINIA SMITH

Centralized High School, Jewell, Ohio; Bowling Green, Ohio '37; taught grades 1 and 2 in Defiance City Schools; grades 1 and 2.

NORMAN MOSER

Woodburn High School, Woodburn, Indiana, 1928; Bachelor of Science in Industrial Education, Purdue University, West La Fayette, Indiana; came to Ridge in 1936; Manual Training; Physical Education; Basketball and Baseball Coach. He is now in the army in Canada.

TAYLOR GLUTH

Rockford High School, Rockford, Ohio; Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana; has done work at the University of Oregon; has taught 15 years. Subjects: Mathematics and Science. Basketball and baseball since Mr. Moser was inducted into the army.

RUTH SLATTERY

Ridge High School 1922; Ohio Northern, Ada, Ohio; came to Ridge in 1923; teaches grades 2 and 3.

VIRGINIA MALLORY

Van Wert High School, VanWert, Ohio, 1928; Bachelor of Arts, Wittenberg College, Springfield, O.; worked on Master's Degree at Ohio State University; came to Ridge in 31-35 and again in 1938; teaches English, Latin and Biology.

THEY GUIDE US

LEWIS JOHNSON

Ridge School, Van Wert, Ohio. 30; Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio, 1934; came to Ridge in 939; Agriculture and Farm Shop.

MRS. MILDRED TRIBOLET

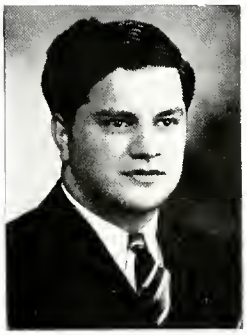
Ridge High School '29; Miami University, Oxford, Ohio '31. Came o Ridge in 1933 and taught grades and 2; now taking Kermit Putman's place; grades 4-5-6.

ELEANOR RINKER

Waite High School, Toledo, Ohio; Bachelor of Science in Physical Education, Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, 1940; came to Ridge in 1940; Home Economics, Physical Education, Seventh Grade English, Science and Geography.

PRISCILLA ALDEN

Indiana State High School, Terre Haute, Indiana. Two years, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. Graduated from Indiana St. Teacher's College, Terre Haute, Indiana. B. S. Degree '40; M. S. Degree '41. Indiana State Teacher's College, Terre Haute, Indiana.



TRUMAN EBERLY

Bellevue High School, Bellevue, Ohio, '35; Oberlin Conservatory of Music, Oberlin, Ohio; Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, 1941.

KATHRYN ELLEN UNCAPHER

Graduate of Van Wert High School, 1931; Graduate of Bowling Green State University, 1933; Teacher at Union Centralized School, 1936-1940; grades 4-5-6.

MRS. LENA SHEARER

Tully-Convoy High School, Convoy, Ohio; Bowling Green College, 1924-25; came to Ridge in 1940; Teaches Bible Classes 1-6 grades.

STUDENT COUNCIL

SEATED, Left to Right: Roger Tomlinson, Martha Eaken, Richard Ireton, Harold Dunifon, and Graydon Nihiser.
STANDING: Harold Youtsey, Donald Haines, Ted Gorman, Wayne Cryer, and Marvin Fisher.

The Student Council, composed of the class presidents and vice-presidents, and Mr. Witten, have been doing their part with the school organization this year.

The first meeting was held to select the officers. The following persons were elected: President, Richard Ireton; Vice-President, Harold Dunifon; and Secretary-Treasurer, Martha Eaken.

During the year, the Student Council sponsored several activities, such as the annual athletic banquet for the basketball squad, teams were chosen to play volley ball, and ping-pong playing is usual. We hope to continue to expand our activities more and more each year.

The presidents and vice-presidents from each respective class were:

Seventh and Eighth	Don Haines and Roger Tomlinson
Freshmen	Graydon Nihiser and Wayne Cryer
Sophomore	Richard Ireton and Marvin Fisher
Junior	Harold Youtsey and Ted Gorman
Senior	Martha Eaken and Harold Dunifon

EARL MATTHEWS
"Our Janitor"

Mr. Matthews keeps our school building warm and comfortable. He keeps our school clean and our trees and shrubbery trimmed. Mr. Matthews lived on a farm up until 10 years ago. He was superintendent of the Van Wert County fair grounds for six years. For three years he was mail messenger between the post office and the Pennsylvania Railroad depot. He is known for his good-smelling pipe and his laughter.

MARCILE KRIESCHER
"Our Cook"

This is Mrs. Kriescher's second year as cook of our cafeteria. She has been preparing good, appetizing meals. She is known for her cheerfulness and pleasing personality. She was formerly a student of Ridge High School.

CHAPTER II

FROM BEGINNING

WE'VE JUST STARTED

FIRST GRADE

Janet Bowers
Josephine Clark
Margaret Dunifon
Gene Goodwin
Juanita Grunaden
Kay Maxson
Ralph Matthews
Mary Katherine Poe
Charles Sanderson
Ray Sterling
John Stuck
Mrs. Smith

THIRD GRADE

Vernon Baxter
Dean Black
Helen Dunifon
Max Gamble
Jean Geisman
Patty Gillespie
Richard Goodwin
Bertha Grunaden
Joan Johnson
Patty Kinsey
Charlotte Matthews
Roger Snyder
Mary Stuck
Marilyn Youtsey
Miss Slattery
*Carlotta Eaken

*Absent when picture was taken.

WE'RE ON OUR WAY

FOURTH GRADE

Frank Bartal
Shirley Davies
Billy Fair
Louise Goodwin
Joe Grunaden
Nolan Linton
Donna Mosier
Margaret Reidenbach
Leah Stemen
Dean Tomlinson
Norma Jean Uncapher
Carl Wollenhaupt
Myron Youtsey
Miss Uncapher
*Rose Elaine Shook

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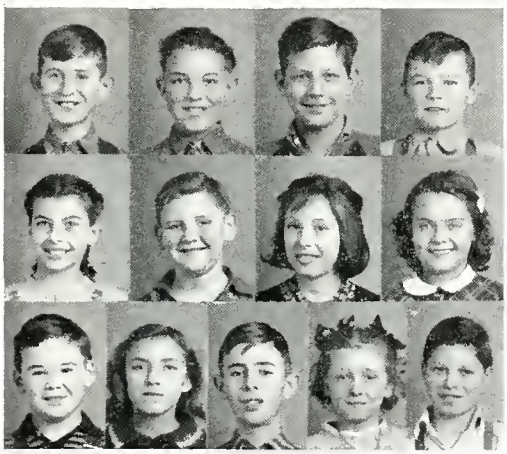
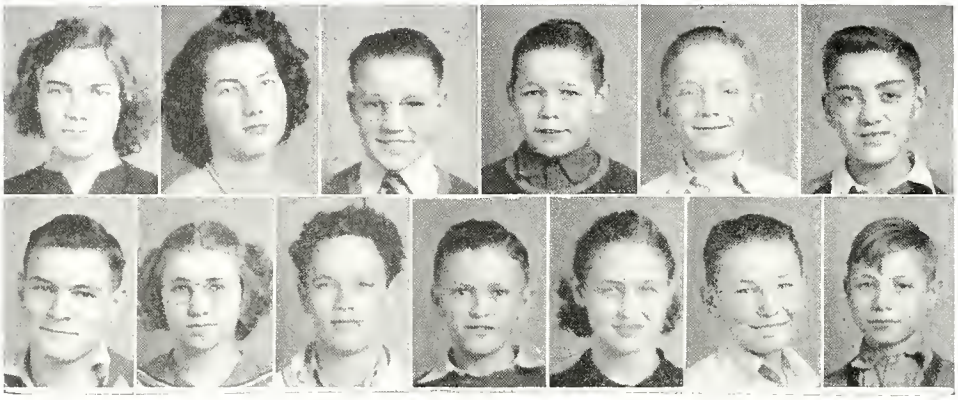


FIFTH GRADE

Frederick Black
Wilfred Davis
Doyt Dunifon
Johnny Eaken
Alice Good
Dale Gene Harter
Arlene Hyman
Marilyn Kinsey
David Leathers
Irene Mason
Robert McCoy
Jean Ellen Poe
Russel Youtsey

GETTING GREENER



FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Juanita Baxter, Phyllis Davies, Ray Davis, Robert Eaken, Dick Kinsey, Warren Mason.

SECOND ROW: Junior McGannon, Betty Reidenbach, Paul Shaffer, Roger Tomlinson, Marjorie Walser, Carlton Zinn, Kenneth White, *Katherine Shook.

*Absent when picture was taken.

WE ARE GREEN

FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Irene Bartal, Betty Chambers, Wayne Cryer, Howard Dunifon, Florence Duvall, Joan Eaken.

SECOND ROW: Richard Gamble, Ralph Gillespie, Calvin Huffine, Phyllis Miller, Graydon Nihiser, Barbara Poe.

THIRD ROW: Elaine Snyder, Georgia Stuck, Helen Tribolet, Anne Yakos, Betty Youtsey, Miss Alden.

Last year eleven girls and six boys began their high school days with four years to look forward to. At the beginning of the semester, we were believed to have much greenness in us, but most of it was worn off by our initiation sponsored by the Senior class.

We enjoyed our Freshman year of school, and hope we will encounter the same pleasures throughout the next three years. Our first party we had was a Halloween Party held at Barbara Poe's home. We also kept ourselves quite busy during the winter months by attending the basketball games. The boys who participated in basketball were Richard Gamble, Ralph Gillespie, Howard Dunifon, Calvin Huffine, and Graydon Nihiser. After the basketball season, we held a skating party at the Y. W. C. A., which we enjoyed in spite of the many tumbles.

The officers for 1941-42 are:

President ..... Wayne Cryer
Vice President ..... Graydon Nihiser
Secretary and Treasurer ..... Helen Tribolet
Class Reporter ..... Howard Dunifon
Class Advisor ..... Miss Alden

NOT SO GREEN

FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Gene Baker, Charlotte Black, Mary Davies, Dennis Dunlap, Marvin Fisher, Harold Hessler.

SECOND ROW: Margaret Holland, Richard Ireton, Bobbie Lee Logan, Charles Matthews, Carl Nihiser, John Snyder, Miss Mallory.

The determination to make this year a memorable one, urged us to carry on many activities, which all of us enjoyed.

Early in the year a private party was held for the class at the home of Mary Louise Davies. We enjoyed games, a hay ride, and refreshments.

On March 9, we held a skating party at the Y. W. C. A. Was the floor slippery, or was it just us?

We presented an assembly program on November 14.

We were proud to have three boys, Marvin Fisher, John Snyder, and Richard Ireton on the first team in basketball this year. Another, Carl Nihiser, is on the second team.

Our class has been changing in size some since the last annual was printed. Charles Mathews is the only one whom we welcome to our class, but six have left. James Lauck moved to York, Frank Trembly to Detroit, Philip Gluth and Thelma Stegaman to Van Wert High and Cleo McMichael and Gene Huffine are both married.

Our officers for this year are:

President ..... Marvin Fisher
Vice President ..... Richard Ireton
Secretary and Treasurer ..... Mary Louise Davies
Reporter ..... Charlotte Black

ALMOST THERE

FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Donald Crow, Verda Davis, Virginia Engle, Theresa Flaherty, Mary Gillespie, Ted Gorman.

SECOND ROW: Bonnie Harter, Vera McGannon, David Poe, Betty Sidner, Maxine Uncapher, Fred Walser, Mr. Gluth.

The Junior Class began the year with 13 students, 7 girls and 6 boys.

Our class gave the comedy-mystery play, "The Yellow Shadow," October 30, 1941. During play practice, we had two hay rides for the purpose of advertising our play.

We received our class rings in December and are very proud to wear them.

Don Crow and David Poe were the only two in our class on the basketball team.

Our class had a skating party on March 12, at the Y. W. C. A.

Our Junior girls are the winners of the girls basketball tourney.

We had a semi-formal prom this year.

Our officers for 1941-42 are:

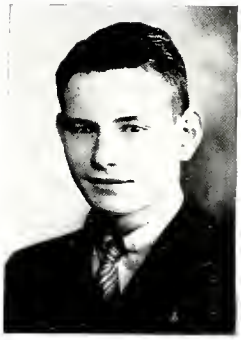
President ..... Harold Youtsey
Vice President ..... Ted Gorman
Secretary and Treasurer ..... Fred Walser
Reporter ..... Don Crow
Advisor ..... Mr. Gluth

SENIORS

FRANCES HAINES

"Fanny"

General Course; Junior Class Play; Cheer Leader 2; Senior Class Play; Class Treasurer 2; Girls' Reserve 4; Treasurer 1; Mixed Chorus 4; Girls' Glee Club 4; Annual Staff; "Rocket" Staff; "R" Society 3.



HAROLD DUNIFON

"Clay"

General Course; Baseball 2; Basketball 2; Junior Class Play; Senior Class Play; F. F. A. 1; 4-H 1; County Music Festival Octet 1; Vice-President of Class 1; Boys' Glee Club 4; Mixed Chorus 4; "R" Society 2.

MARTHA EAKEN

"Marthy"

Commercial Course; Scholarship Award 2; Girls' Basketball Manager 1; "Rocket" Staff, Editor; Senior Class President; Junior Class Play; Senior Class Play; 4-H 3; 4-H President 1; Girl Reserves 4; G. R. President 1; "R" Society 3.

ELIZABETH STUCK

"Betty"

Commercial Course; Scholarship Award 1; Girls' Glee Club 4; Mixed Chorus 3; Basketball 1; Class Reporter 1; Junior Class Play; Senior Class Play; "Rocket" Staff (editor 1); Annual Staff; G. R. 4; Vice-President 1; 4-H 1; "R" Society 3.

JOE BOYD

"Joe"

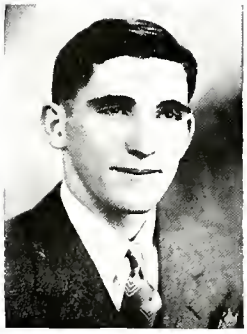
Agricultural Course; F. F. A. 4; Class Reporter 2; "R" Society 2; "R" Society President; Basketball 2; F. F. A. Reporter and Secretary; Parliamentary Procedure Team; Junior Class Play; Senior Class Play; Annual Staff; "Rocket" Staff 2; Treasurer of Student Council; 4-H 3; Boys' Glee Club 3; Mixed Chorus 3.

SENIORS

ELIZABETH W. DAVIES

"Bette"

College Entrance Course; Junior Class Play; Senior Class Play; 4-H 4; President and Treasurer of 4-H; "Rocket" Staff; Annual Staff; Girls' Reserve 4; Chorister of G. R. 1; Orchestra 2; Girls' Glee Club 4; Mixed Chorus 4; County Girls' Trio 2; District Trio 1; County Music Festival Octet.



RICHARD HOLLAND

"Dutch"

Agricultural Course; Baseball 2; Class President 1; F. F. A. 4; President 1; Parliamentary Procedure Team 2; F. F. A. Treasurer 2; 4-H 4; Boys' Glee Club 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Annual Staff; "R" Society 2.

ESTHER FALLER

"Rolly" Nothing Phoebe

General Course; Senior Class Play; 4-H 2; Vice-President 1; G. R. 4; Annual Staff; Girls' Glee Club 4; Mixed Chorus 4.

WILBUR FALLER

"Tiny"

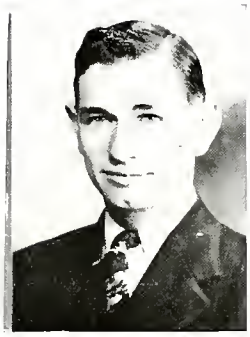
Agricultural Course; Junior Class Play; Senior Class Play; County Music Festival Octet; F. F. A. 4; Vice-President 1; Parliamentary Procedure Team; Boys' Basketball Manager; Mixed Chorus 4; Boys' Glee Club 4; Annual Staff; "R" Society 1.

VIRGINIA GAMBLE

"Ginny"

General Course; Junior Class Play; Senior Class Play; County Music Festival Octet; G. R. 4; G. R. Secretary and Treasurer; 4-H 1; "Rocket" Staff; Annual Staff; Mixed Chorus 4; Girls' Glee Club 4.

SENIORS

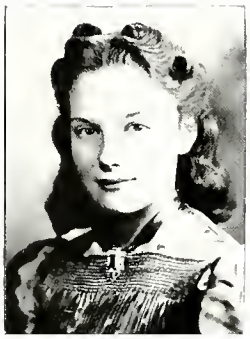


RONALD GALLAWAY
"Sam"

Agricultural Course; 4-H 3; Junior Class Play; F. F. A. 4; Vice-President 1; Boys' Glee Club 1; Parliamentary Procedure Team; Annual Staff; "R" Society 1.

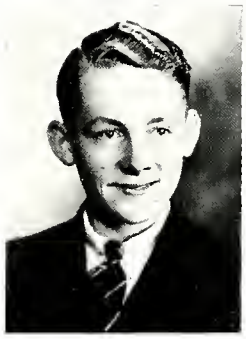
MARGARET GILLILAND
"Maggie"

Commercial Course; Annual Staff; "Rocket" Staff; Mixed Chorus 4; Girls' Glee Club 4; Senior Class Play; G. R. 4; County Music Festival Octet; County Girls' Trio 1.



IDA MAE SWICK
"Idy"

General Course; Senior Class Play; County Music Festival Octet; "Rocket" Staff; Annual Staff; G. R. 4; G. R. Secretary 1; Mixed Chorus 4; Girls' Glee Club 4; Class Treasurer 1; G. R. Pianist and Music Leader.



WILLIAM WILCOX
"Bill"

College Entrance Course; Class President 1; Scholarship Award 1; "Rocket" Staff 2; Annual Staff; Senior Class Play; Junior Class Play.

CHAPTER III

THINGS HAPPEN AT RIDGE

"R" SOCIETY

SEATED, Left to Right: Barbara Poe, Betty Chambers, Mary Gillespie, Mr. Gluth, Martha Eaken, Betty Stuck, and Frances Haines.

FIRST ROW, Standing: Ralph Gillespie, Carl Nihiser, David Poe, John Snyder, Wilbur Faller, Marvin Fisher Wayne Cryer, Howard Dunifon, and Calvin Huffine.

SECOND ROW, Standing: Richard Gamble, Richard Holland, Richard Ireton, Harold Youtsey, Don Crow, Harold Dunifon, Dennis Dunlap, and Joe Boyd.

Year by year additional students are rewarded for their efforts in extra-curricular activities by being awarded the varsity "R" of Ridge School. To every student who has experienced the thrill of receiving this award goes the additional privilege of becoming a member of the "R" Society.

This society was founded back in the year 1919-20, which, incidentally, was the first year the school was organized.

This year the "R" Society will lose eight of its members through graduation.

THREE STRIKES, YOU'RE OUT

	AB	R	H	W	PCT.
Gallaway, 3b	8	2	3	6	.375
Gamble, ss.	14	2	5	1	.357
Ireton, p-c	10	2	3	2	.300
Holland, 2b-f.	17	3	4	0	.235
Crow, p-1b.	13	2	3	2	.231
H. Dunifon, f.	15	1	3	2	.200
Cryer, c.	13	0	2	4	.154
C. Nihiser, 2b	8	0	1	2	.125
Youtsey, f.	8	0	0	2	.000
Fisher, f.	2	0	0	1	.000
Dunlap, f.	4	0	0	1	.000
Ho. Dunifon, f.	3	1	0	0	.000
Huffine, 1b.	4	0	0	0	.000
G. Nihiser, f.	0	0	0	0	.000
Gillespie, f.	3	0	0	0	.000

Ridge—4	Ohio City—17	AB—At Bat
Ridge—0	Convoy—16	R—Runs
Ridge—1	Mendon—7	H—Hits
Ridge—5	Willshire—13	W—Walks
Ridge—4	Union—6	Pct.—Percentage
Ridge—0.	Wren—7	I—Innings
Ridge—0	Hoaglin-Jackson—3	

STANDING, Left to Right: Mr. Gluth, Richard Gamble, Harold Youtsey, Harold Dunifon, Don Crow, Richard Holland and Marvin Fisher.

SEATED, Left to Right: Calvin Huffine, Wayne Cryer, Howard Dunifon, Ralph Gillespie.

PEP, PEPPER AND PEP

Mary Alice Gillespie, Barbara Poe, and Betty Chambers did an excellent job as official "pepper-uppers" for the Ridge Tigers of 1941-42.

Much of the basketball squad's good work is a result of the hearty enthusiasm displayed by the cheer leaders and the fans.

We realize the responsibility they assumed in assuring the new yells and arousing the spirit of all spectators. Much credit is due these three girls for their excellent performance.

THE VARSITY

BASKET BALL SCORES
1941—42

Date	Team	Ours	Opponents
Nov. 7	Middle Point (t)	23	43
Nov. 11	Mendon (t)	21	26
Nov. 14	York (h)	28	22
Nov. 15	Ft. Wayne Concordia (t)	35	49
Nov. 28	Hoaglin-Jackson (h)	28	29
Dec. 2	Union (t)	21	39
Dec. 5	*Ohio City (h)	38	37
Dec. 10	Rockford (t)	27	40
Dec. 12	*Convoy (t)	22	41
Dec. 19	*Union (h)	40	29
Jan. 6	Ohio City (t)	35	30
Jan. 9	*Willshire (t)	34	39
Jan. 16	*Wren (h)	45	20
Jan. 23	*Hoaglin-Jackson (t)	29	45
Jan. 30	*Middle Point (h)	38	47
Feb. 6	*York (t)	27	23
Feb. 13	Delphos Jefferson (t)	22	23
Feb. 20	Wren (t)	25	35
Feb. 27	Convoy (Tournament Game)	29	40

*League Games

The 1941-42 Ridge Tigers, as the records show, experienced a season which found them playing very mediocre ball one week and an excellent brand of ball the next. They were a team we enjoyed watching and one which we were proud to support. The services of our lanky dependable Center Harold Dunifon, will be sorely missed next year, but with that exception we hope we will see all of the boys in action again next season. Promising 8th grade material gives us hopes of a strong team for 1942-43.

STANDING, Left to Right: Wilbur Faller, Manager; Richard Gamble, Richard Ireton, Harold Dunifon, Don Crow, Marvin Fisher, Mr. Gluth, Coach.

KNEELING: Carl Nihiser David Poe, John Snyder, Calvin Huffine, and Graydon Nihiser.

TIGERS OF THE FUTURE

STANDING, Left to Right: Wilbur Faller, Manager; Howard Dunifon, Ray Zinn, Donald Haines, Junior McGannon, Homer Snyder, David Gluth, Robert White, Mr. Gluth, Coach.

MIDDLE ROW: Roger Tomlinson, Max Harter, Robert Baker, Warren Mason, Ralph Gillespie.

FRONT ROW: Dick Kinsey, Rex Tomlinson.

The reserve basketball team, which represents Ridge's hopes for future championships, made a credible showing in this sport during the season of 1941-42.

They won more than half of the games they participated in, and showed remarkable progress during the season. The boys are quite disappointed because the Junior High Tournament was cancelled this year.

They are looking forward to positions on the varsity next year, and several show promise of becoming quite capable replacements.

GIRLS' PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The girls started the season with out-of-door activities which included softball, touch football, and relays.

The winter season included volleyball, folk dances, tumbling, ping pong, and the major interest—a basketball tournament.

The first game of the tournament was played by the Freshmen and Sophomores. The Seniors were eliminated by the Juniors in the next game. The third game was between the Junior High and Sophomores. The Sophomores and Juniors met in the final contest of the tournament. By winning this game the Juniors became the tournament champions of 1941-42.

The coming of spring brought the outside activities back with hiking, jumping the rope, and, of course, softball.

Last fall the girls took swimming lessons. Every Thursday for six weeks they motored to the Y. W. C. A. Most of the girls finally were able to swim.

FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Betty Chambers, Vera McGannon, Martha Eaken, Frances Haines, Virginia Gamble, Esther Faller, Ida Mae Swick, Betty Stuck, Virginia Engle, and Betty Youtsey.

SECOND ROW: Gene Baker, Anne Yakos, Bobbie Lee Logan, Maxine Uncapher, Irene Bartal, Margaret Holland, Mary Louise Davies, Charlotte Black, Phyllis Miller, and Joan Eaken.

CAUGHT OFF GUARD

1. Seniors around the flag pole.
2. Don winds up.
3. Roses among the thorns.
4. Hitting the keys.
5. He might hit it.
6. Brother and sister.
7. Say "ah", please.
8. Neophytes in chemistry.
9. The play goes on.
10. Where's the ball.
11. A live wire held down.
12. The coach looks on.
13. Trimming figures.
14. Wayne waits.
15. It was a sell-out.
16. Things made in shop.
17. Flashy Freshman.
18. It won the game.

GIRLS' CHORUS

FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Mary Louise Davies, Margaret Holland, Betty Davies, Lulu Glee Shook, Starley Johnson, Alice Baxter, Juanita Baxter, Gloria Brown, Francis Haines.

SECOND ROW: Gene Baker, Ida Mae Swick, Betty Stuck, Helen Tribolet, Joan Eaken, Charlotte Black, Barbara Poe, Marjorie Walser, Betty Sidner, Phyllis Miller, Mr. Eberly, Director.

THIRD ROW: Catherine Shook, Dorothy White, Betty Reidenbach, Alice Siders, Virginia Gamble, Betty Chambers, Betty Youtsey, Florence DuVall, Elaine Snyder.

FOURTH ROW: Anna Yakos, Bobbie Lee Logan, Esther Faller, Bonnie Harter, Margaret Gilliland, Irene Bartel, Virginia Engle, Vera McGannon.

The girls' chorus for 1941-42, under the direction of the new instructor, Mr. Truman Eberly, enjoyed participating in and presenting several programs throughout the school year. The annual Christmas program, in which the girls' chorus had a major part, was presented on the afternoon of December 24.

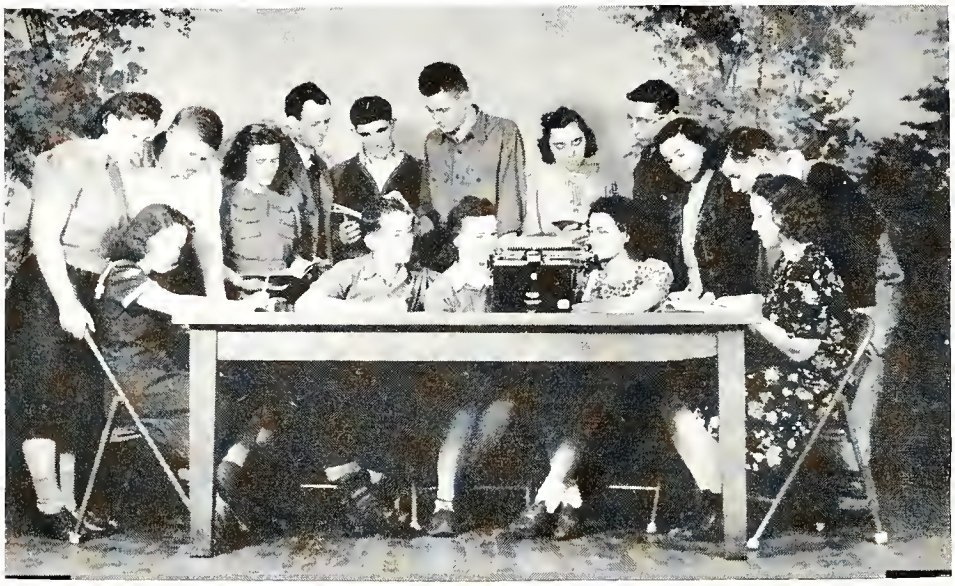
The girls' chorus and members of the girls' chorus presented numbers at both sessions of the Farmers' Institute.

Another event of interest to the group was the County Music Festival at Wren School on March 3. The girls sang in the mass chorus, and presented individual numbers.

Members of the chorus were keenly disappointed by the elimination of the Springfield and State Festivals from the school calendar. This, like many other things, was made necessary by the shortage of rubber.

The chorus regrets the departure of several Senior girls who have served well during the past four years.

BLAME US



REFLECTOR STAFF. Seated from Left to Right are: Ida Mae Swick, William Wilcox, Martha Eaken, Betty Stuck and Margaret Gilliland. Standing are: Esther Faller, Wilbur Faller, Frances Haines, Mr. Witten, Richard Holland, Harold Dunifon, Betty Davies, Joe Boyd, Virginia Gamble and Ronald Gallaway.

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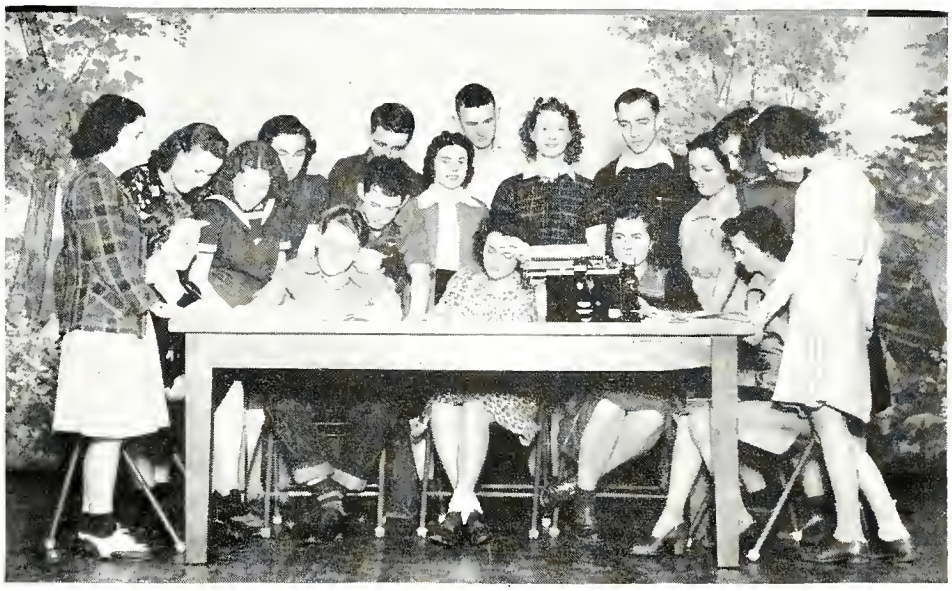
Adviser	Mr. Witten

Well, here it is! After working for a long time we finally present the object of all our labor. Through this book we show you that Ridge School is still progressing, both in social and educational activities. We are glad that those within the community and the advertisers are interested enough in our school to make it possible to publish this book. We thank Mr. Witten, our adviser, the teachers, the students, and all who have helped with this annual for cooperating so willingly.

NOSES FOR NEWS



ROCKET STAFF, Seated from left to right are: Miss Mallory, Adviser; William Wilcox, Betty Stuck, Virginia Engle and Miss Alden, Adviser. Standing are: Virginia Gamble, Margaret Gilliland, Ida Mae Swick, Margaret Holland, Howard Dunifon, Joe Boyd, Gene Baker, Donald Crow, Bobbie Lee Logan, Richard Ireton, Verda Jean Davis, Maxine Uncapher and Charlotte Black.

Still under the system adopted last year of applying for rather than appointing positions on the Rocket staff, and with the splendid cooperation of Miss Mallory, Miss Alden, and their patrons, the members of the Rocket staff were able to produce eight issues of the Ridge Rocket during the nine months of the school term.

At the beginning of the term a contest was held for the greatest number of subscriptions, the losing side giving a party in honor of the winners.

Despite the great deal of effort and time required for each issue, there was always the deep satisfaction of just being one of the links that make up the chain.

Because of the present world strife, we regret to say that the Ridge Rocket may be discontinued until the situation is again more favorable.

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Grade Reporters .....
.....Rex Tomlinson, Charlotte Black, Howard Dunifon, Don Crow, Joe Boyd
Advisers ..... Miss Mallory and Miss Alden

CAN YOU IMAGINE?

1. Margaret Gilliland not chewing her gum.
2. Phyllis Miller not talking to Sam at noon.
3. Verda Davies talking to a boy.
4. Elaine Snyder not giggling.
5. Bobbilee Logan not knowing how to play the piano.
6. Virginia Gamble with blonde hair.
7. Wilbur Faller in the parachute division making his first jump.
8. Mr. Gluth without his sense of humor.
9. Martha Eaken getting failing grades.
10. William Wilcox with straight red hair.
11. Miss Rinker having quiet study hall.
12. Miss Alden without a big smile.
13. Mr. Witten with laryngitis.
14. Ronald Galloway on the honor roll.
15. Mr. Moser's correspondence if all the students wrote to him on the same day.
16. Joe Boyd fighting 20-ton tanks with a pitch fork.
17. Mr. Eberly demonstrating gymnastics.
18. Mr. Witten letting anything interfere with Democracy.
19. Ralph Gillespie with long curls.
20. Betty Stuck without her dramatic ability.
21. All the boys with a hair cut like Don Crow's.
22. Bonnie Harter in a hoop skirt.
23. Dave Poe without his Ford.
24. Fred Walser without his "life guard" form.
25. Lulu Glee Shook with her hair done in a knot.
26. Bobbilee Logan taking long steps.
27. Bob Lahman being timid.
28. Kay Maxon finishing her lunch.
29. Lea Stemen without her long dangling braids.
30. Bill Snyder without his ability to make bright remarks.
31. Miriam Joan Johnson without her good English.
32. Ray Davis without his dimples.
33. David Gluth not looking like Tom Sawyer.
34. 1st, 2nd, 3rd grade girls without their hair ribbons.
35. Marvin Fisher without that horse laugh.
36. Mr. Gluth without the dimple in his chin.
37. Theresa Flaherty not being able to take her own part when people tease her.
38. Carl Brown with his hair combed.
39. Coleen Youtsey being as tall as the rest of the girls in her grade.
40. Frankie Bartel without his grin.
41. Gene Wollenhaupt not being able to play the accordian.
42. Roger Ritchie without his attraction for the Sixth grade girls.

GIRL RESERVES

FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Betty Chambers, Mary Alice Gillespie, Charlotte Black, Virginia Gamble, Ida Mae Swick, Martha Eaken, Betty Stuck, Barbara Poe, Joan Eaken, Verda Jean Davies, Helen Tribolet.

SECOND ROW: Miss Rinker, Adviser; Mary Louise Davies, Frances Haines, Betty Youtsey, Gene Baker, Betty Sidner, Esther Faller, Anna Yakos, Theresa Flaherty, Florence DuVall, Miss Mallory, Adviser.

THIRD ROW: Margaret Holland, Betty Davies, Bobbie Lee Logan, Bonnie Harter, Margaret Gilliland, Virginia Engle, Vera McGannon, Maxine Uncapher, Elaine Snyder, Irene Bartel.

The officers of 1941-42 are:

President ..... Martha Eaken
Vice President ..... Betty Stuck
Secretary ..... Ida Mae Swick
Treasurer ..... Virginia Gamble
Music Leader ..... Virginia Engle
Pianist ..... Bobbie Lee Logan
Advisers ..... Misses Mallory and Rinker

The Ridge Girl Reserves Club had a total of 34 members during the past year. In the early fall we decided to have our meetings directly after school on the first Monday of every month.

At the meeting held on November 3 the club held recognition services for 10 new members. Some of our other meetings and parties held, consisted of a Christmas party, to which all high school boys were invited; an annual Mother and Daughter Party; a Red Cross meeting; a style show, and various other meetings.

In the Christmas assembly, which was given by the Girl Reserves, the play, "Keeping Up With Christmas" was presented.

SENIOR PLAY

SEATED: Virginia Gamble, William Wilcox, Ida Mae Swick.

STANDING: Richard Holland, Betty Stuck, Margaret Gilliland, Esther Faller, Frances Haines, Wilbur Faller, Harold Dunifon, Martha Eaken, Betty Davies.

On April 10, the Senior Class presented a three-act play entitled "Miss Smarty". Lizbeth Smart (Virginia Gamble), charming young debutante, wealthy and socially prominent, is forced by her father to go to college much against her will, for Lizbeth has been trying for a screen career without success. The day she arrives in Barwell College, a co-ed school in California, she receives a telegram from her agent telling her to report immediately at a major studio in Hollywood for a screen test. She is frantic! How can she leave Barwell without her father discovering her absence? Enter Janice Burbank (Ida Mae Swick), a former member of Lizbeth's wealthy set, who has met with financial reverses. Janice is seeking a position at Barwell in order to work her way through college. Lizbeth prevails upon Janice to take her (Lizbeth's) place at Barwell so that she can fly to Hollywood without anybody's knowledge. Lizbeth's brother, Shelly, (Richard Holland) enters into the plot and he, too, enlists the services of a close friend, Brant Robson (William Wilcox) so that he can get away from Barwell. Brant is mistaken for Shelley and the riot is on! Here are two people who have never seen each other pretending to be brother and sister. Other characters are:

Professor Erasmus Eberfield, Dean of Barwell College ..... Joe Boyd
Pleasant Hickey, The college chaperon ..... Betty Davies
Morton Gordon, Who is interested in football ..... Wilbur Faller
Swifty Trent, Who never moves in a hurry ..... Harry Dunifon
Virginia Stearns, A charming young co-ed ..... Martha Eaken
Dodie Balmer, Beautiful but dumb ..... Frances Haines
Helene Westfield, Who has a will of her own ..... Margaret Gilliland
Ilka Crawley, Her young niece ..... Betty Stuck
Ann, The secretary ..... Esther Faller
Director ..... Miss Virginia Mallory
Stage Manager ..... Ronald Gallaway

JUNIOR PLAY

"The Yellow Shadow" was a mystery comedy in three acts. The curtain opened with the stage dark except for a fire in the fireplace. A murdered man (Charles Matthews) lay on the floor in front of the table. Herbert Marvin (Fred Walser) enters and kneels over the body of the murdered man. Mildred Marvin (Virginia Engle) and her cousin Hazil Wayne (Bonnie Harter) and her life long friend Alice Perkins (Mary Gillespie) who were all bored with New York, come to the old estate of Maxwell Marvin, the deceased uncle, for a rest. Nell Travis, the housekeeper (Maxine Uncapher) and her husband (Ted Gorman) who acts as if he were a crazy man, turn out to be detectives and find that Miss Marvin's attorney (Harold Youtsey) and a Chinese boy (Dave Poe) have been smuggling Chinese people in from South America and are using this estate for their hideout. The coroner (Vera McGannon) and Sheriff Macklin (Don Crow) along with the crazy man, make the play a hilarious comedy.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Harold Youtsey, Ted Gorman, Vera McGannon, Fred Walser, Don Crow, Virginia Engle, Mary Alice Gillespie, Bonnie Harter, Maxine Uncapher.

FUTURE FARMERS

TOP ROW, Left to Right: Fred Walser, David Poe, Richard Holland, Wilbur Faller, Joe Boyd, Ted Gorman, Ronald Galloway.

MIDDLE ROW, Left to Right: Ralph Gillespie, Marvin Fisher, Ralph Warnecke, Dennis Dunlap, Don Crow, Harold Hessler, Carl Nihiser, Graydon Nihiser, Mr. Johnson.

BOTTOM ROW, Left to Right: Calvin Huffine, Wayne Cryer, John Snyder, Richard Clinger, Victor Hitchcock, Charles Matthews, George Baldauf, Harold Dunifon.

The Ridge F. F. A. Chapter was organized in 1928. It has been developing into a better club each year. Two years ago the Ridge F. F. A. decided to take Middle Point boys into the organization with them and renamed it "Ridge-Middle Point Chapter."

The Chapter elected officers in April and the following boys were elected:

President ..... Richard Holland
Vice-President ..... Wilbur Faller
Secretary ..... Joe Boyd
Treasurer ..... Dave Poe
Reporter ..... Fred Walser
Watch Dog ..... Ronald Gallaway

Nine members went on the F. F. A. trip to Washington, D. C. Some of the interesting points they visited were Washington's Monument, Capitol Building, Smithsonian Institute, F. B. I. Building, and the White House. They saw the House of Representatives in action.

The Girl Reserves were the guests of the F. F. A. at their fall party.

The Parent and Son Banquet, one of the main events of the year, was held April 9. More than ninety attended this banquet. Our toastmaster for the banquet was Joe Boyd. The speaker was Rev. Tennyson Guyer from Celina.

IT WAS FUN

The Junior-Senior Prom was May 16. It was held in the gymnasium of the school, which was transformed into a beautiful rock garden. A pool was in the middle, surrounded by stones, flowers, and brilliantly colored lights. Decorations of blue and white streamers and small branches were strung over the top, while a fence and streamers served as the sides. An arched gateway formed the entrance to the garden, above which blazed the numbers 41-42 in blue and white lights.

A picture taken by the Agler Studio preceded the evening's program, after which motion pictures were shown by the toastmaster, William Wilcox.

MAKING THE BEST BETTER

OFFICERS OF GIRL'S 4-H CLUB

President, Bette Davies; Vice-President, Esther Faller; Secretary, Bobbie Lee Logan; Treasurer, Esther Faller; Reporter, Verda Davis; Recreation Leader, Barbara Poe; Adviser, Mrs. J. C. Poe; Assistant Adviser, Martha Eaken.

OFFICERS OF BOY'S 4-H CLUB

President, David Poe; Vice-President, Richard Ireton; Secretary and Treasurer, Harold Dunifon; Reporter, Rex Tomlinson; Adviser, Mr. Lewis Johnson.

4-H CLUB MOTTO — TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER

Both the girls and boys 4-H clubs had full and interesting programs this year. Both clubs had meetings twice a month. The girls enjoyed demonstrations on posture, pressing clothes, hair styles, and cooking. On July 10, we had a joint meeting with the boys' 4-H club. We had a soft ball game at 6:00 o'clock which was followed by a pot-luck supper. After the program, Miss Shrider led the group in a delightful evening of folk dancing.

On August 11, the girls' projects were judged. Every girl had worked hard and therefore all were rewarded with very good grades. After the judging, we went to Celina for a picnic supper.

September 26th, a county-wide achievement meeting was held at the fair ground. Martha Eaken and Bette Davies represented the Ridge club and gave a demonstration on "Packing a Suitcase Conveniently." They won from the county and then represented Van Wert County at the State Fair. Both girls went with Mr. Oetzel, the county agricultural agent, to Fort Wayne and broadcasted over WOWO. Esther Faller was selected from our club to judge clothing. She won from the county and then went to the State Fair and competed. For her good work she won a gold medal.

The girls displayed their projects in a booth at the Van Wert County Fair. The boys paraded their animals in the stock parade. Richard Holland had the prize steer in the county.

Our projects were also displayed at the Farmers' Institute which was held February 10-11.

Bette Davies and David Poe were chosen to attend Club Congress at Columbus, September 8-13.

FRONT ROW, Left to Right: David Poe, Ted Gorman, Verda Davis, Barbara Poe, Bobbie Lee Logan, Betty Davies, Esther Faller, Martha Eaken, Harold Dunifon, Carl Nihiser.

SECOND ROW: Morris Gorman, Bonnie Harter, Junior McGannon, Richard Holland, Wayne Cryer, Donald Haines, Mary Davies, Margaret Holland, Marilyn Kinsey.

THIRD ROW: Robert Lahman, Marcile Stegaman, Jean Poe, Howard Dunifon, Joan Eaken, Roger Tomlinson Phyllis Tomlinson, Dick Kinsey.

September 8, 1941—Oh, Me! Hard times are here again.
Sept. 19—Baseball game with Ohio City there. Shoot! They beat. 17 to 4.
Sept. 26—Convoy played at Ridge. Ridge—0; Convoy 16. F. F. A. Party—Boys really made swell hosts.
Sept. 29—Lecture by Mr. Albert Crombie. We learned the do's and dont's on dating. (Hope it helps.)
October 2—F. F. A. Meeting. Initiation. Six boys went through the rye.
Oct. 3—Game at Union. Hard on us.
Oct. 10—Willshire at Ridge. Were we cleaned?
Oct. 15—Union's second win over us—6 to 4.
Oct. 16—Primary meeting at Pleasant. Seniors had swell hay ride.
Oct. 17—End of first 6 weeks. Not too good, but maybe we will get off to a better start next time.
Oct. 21—P. T. A. meeting.
Oct 23—Assembly at 11:00. Rev. Brown gave a good talk. Seniors in charge.
Oct. 24—Goody, no school. Toledo teachers meeting. (Hope the teachers didn't learn too much more.)
Oct. 29—Freshmen Party. Heard of the fun on the hay ride. How about it boys?
Oct. 30—7-8 grade party. Too bad, it rained.
Oct. 31—Junior play, "The Yellow Shadow." Did the spooks get you?
November 3—G. R. Meeting—Y. F. A.—Board Meeting.
Nov. 4—4-H Skating Party. Bump, Bump, Bump.
Nov. 7—Starter day. First pep session. Nice cheerleaders. First basketball game at Middle Point. Too bad we got off to a bad start.
Nov. 10—Ohio State Intelligence test this morning. Oh dear, where did I leave my brains. Good for you, William.
Nov. 11—Game at Mendon. Tried hard, but didn't succeed. Score 26-21.
Nov. 14—Yipee we beat York. 28-22. See, I told you we could do it.
Nov. 15—Our boys went to Ft. Wayne to play Concordia College. Nice exhibition, folks.
Nov. 19—Grade Thanksgiving program. We have talent, don't you think? Senior Bake Sale and chances on a 10 pound turkey.
Nov. 20—Thanksgiving Day. No school. Oh, Oh, gained some weight.
Nov. 28—End of 2nd six weeks. The Freshmen girls seem to be the smartest. Basketball game with Hoaglin-Jackson here. Someone's foot must have slipped. They beat by 1 point.
December 2—Game with Union there. They beat 39-21.
Dec. 3—Oh dear, grade cards again.
Dec. 4—Girls second swimming lesson at Y. W. No one has drowned yet. F. F. A.
Dec. 5—We beat Ohio City in a League Game, 38-37. Gee, was it ever exciting. Seniors get name cards. Pretty nice!
Dec. 10—Game at Rockford. Too bad for us. Better be good, cause Santa comes in 15 days. Talk and picture on tuberculosis by Dr. Keyser.
Dec. 11—Mr. Montague comes and Seniors plan their year book. We think it will be the best ever published.
Dec. 12—We played Convoy there. Score 41-22. In favor of them.
Dec. 15—G. R. Party. Assembly with Mr. D. D. Deeds as speaker.
Dec. 16—P. T. A. Meeting. Dr. Underwood gives a talk on "Children."
Dec. 18—Junior rings arrive. $12.00 please. $$$$$
Dec. 19—G. R. Chapel. Pretty good program, we thought. Union plays our boys here. I guess we really showed them, 40-29.
Dec. 24—Christmas program by whole school. Santa Claus came, but I was really sorry he didn't give me a box of candy, weren't you? We don't have to come back to school until Jan. 5. Isn't that wonderful?
Jan. 5—Y. F. A.—Board Meeting. End of Christmas vacation. Oh me, studies again.
Jan. 6—Basketball game, Ohio City, there, 30-35. Say, we are pretty good.
Jan. 8—F. F. A. meeting at noon. They plan our next chapel meeting. Ida Mae lost her buttons in Democracy class.
Jan. 9—Basketball game with Willshire, there, 39-34. Oh, oh, I guess we were just tired.
Jan. 16—Basketball game with Wren at Ridge. We really showed them what we could do.
Jan. 23—Basketball game at Hoaglin-Jackson. We didn't do so well. David and his dreams.
Jan. 23—Seniors pick out gowns. Say, they are really going to look O. K.
Jan. 29—Seniors start going to town for advertisements.
Jan. 30—Seniors still working. We play Middle Point, here.
February 4—F. F. A. Freshmen skating party. Did you have fun kids?
Feb. 6—Basketball game at York. We really played and so we beat them, 27-23. Good J. High game. We really have some future stars.
Feb. 10—Farmers' Institute. Busy all day getting things ready.
Feb. 11—Farmers' Institute. Wow, what a dinner! Didn't have school. That was swell.
Feb. 16—Skating Party. Grades 7 and 8.
Feb. 17—Basketball game at Delphos-Jefferson. They beat 23-22. P. T. A. meeting.
Feb. 20—Basketball game at Wren. My goodness. They beat 35-25.
Feb. 27—Basketball tournament.
Feb. 28—Basketball tournament.
March 3—County Vocal Music Festival at Wren. Ridge was well reresented by people and by music. Joe B. becomes uncle for first time.
March 9—Sophomore Skating Party. We are really getting good.
March 12—Junior Skating Party. Say, we really skated away the week. Salvage talk by Mrs. Agler.
March 17—P. T. A. Seniors start practicing for their play.
March 18—Salvage Day. Seniors hope for more money.
Mar. 20—Athletic Banquet. Not bad. Harold Dunifon gets the Moser award for being the best all around boy.
Mar. 27—F. F. A. boys present nice chapel program.
April 3—Good Friday's services here at school.
April 9—F. F. A. Banquet. Nice time, boys.
April 10—Senior Class play. We make nice college students, don't we?
April 21—P. T. A.
May 17—Baccalaureate.
May 20—Commencement.
May 22—School is out. Hip, Hip, Hooray.
May 23-24. Senior trip. Oh me. what fun.

YOU TELL THE NEXT ONE

Seniors discussing the Senior trip:

Betty Davies: "We can wait until after the war to take our trip because we have to save tires."

Joe Boyd: "There will be too many to go then."

On a democracy test, Mr. Witten asked the question: "The first successful steam engine was run by ————." Mary Gillespie answered "Steam."

Mr. Witten: "What is south of Singapore?"

Don Crow: "Why, water."

Mr. Witten: "What were the two capitals of the Roman Empire?"

Charles Mathews: "One was Constantinople; I can't think of the other one."

Mr. Witten: "Well, what color is blue vitrol?"

Charles: "Blue."

Mr. Witten: "What was the capital then?"

Charles: "Blue vitrol."

Martha Eaken: "I'll bet you can't guess how I spelled "Cat" when I was in the first grade.

Ida Mae Swick: "K-a-t, k-a-t-t, c-a-t?"

Martha Eaken: "You're wrong. I spelled it c-a-t!"

Miss Rinker: "What is neon used for?"

Dick Kinsey: "To make stockings."

Dave Poe: "Did you have the radio on last night?"

Marvin Fisher: "Sure I did."

Dave Poe: "How did it fit?"

Theresa Flaherty: "If 3 plus 1 makes nitrogen and 2 plus 1 makes hydrogen, what is 4 plus 2?"

Frances Haines: "I don't know."

Theresa Flaherty: "Six, you dope!"

Announcer (at a concert): "Betty Davies will now sing, 'Oh, That I Were a Dove, I'd Flea.'

Graydon Nihiser: "What is a dove-eyed flea?"

Mechanic: "What's the trouble, mam?"

Margaret Gilliland: "They say I have a short circuit. Can you lengthen it while I wait, please?"

Theresa: "Mary, did you count with a daisy to see if Don Crow loved you?"

Mary Gillespie: "No, I used a three-leaf clover. The daisy might turn out wrong."

Girl: "Would you come to my aid in distress?"

Boy: "My dear it wouldn't make any difference what you were wearing."

Esther F.: "Charles Mathews has a contempt for anybody who doesn't know as much as he does."

Tiny F.: "I should think he would."

Miss Mallory (who had just purchased a stamp): "Must I put it on myself?"

Post Office Assistant: "Not necessarily, mam, it will probably accomplish more on the letter."

Don Crow: "I've had to keep that car in the garage ever since the day I bought it from you. It just won't run."

Ted Gorman: "You remember you said you wanted a car that wouldn't use much gas."

Dick Ireton: "Take this chicken away, it's as tough as a paving stone."

Miss Rinker: "Maybe it's a Plymouth Rock."

Ted Gorman: "My feet burn like heck. Do you suppose a mustard bath would help?"

Maxine Uncapher: "Sure, there's nothing better than mustard on hot dogs."

Charlotte Black: "If you were half a man you'd take me to the circus tomorrow."

Carl Nihiser: "If I were half a man I'd be in the circus."

Father: "Don't you think our son gets his intelligence from me?"

Mother: "He must, I've still got mine."

Mr. Gluth: "Do you know your wife is telling around that you can't keep her in clothes?"

Mr. Witten: "That's nothing, I bought her a home and I can't keep her in that either."

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